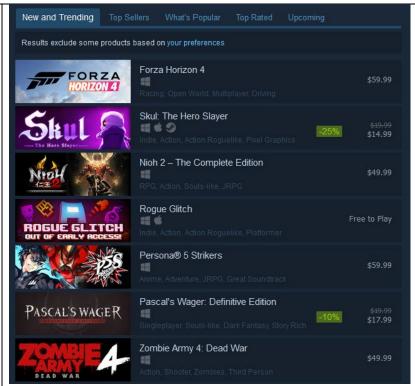
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Our platform connects players with the world's greatest entertainment.

We created Steam in 2003 to serve as a digital content distribution channel, before app stores existed. It's since grown and evolved into a platform for thousands of creators and publishers to deliver content and establish direct relationships with their customers. The Steam Community enables millions of players to do likewise, sharing entertainment and ideas, and making friends.

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What is Steam?

Steam is a broadband platform for direct software delivery and content management. It is an integral part of all Valve software.

Steam...

- Allows you to purchase and immediately download games via the internet.
- Allows you to register retail versions of Valve games as well as some third-party games.
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- Automatically keeps all of your games up-to-date with the latest available patches.
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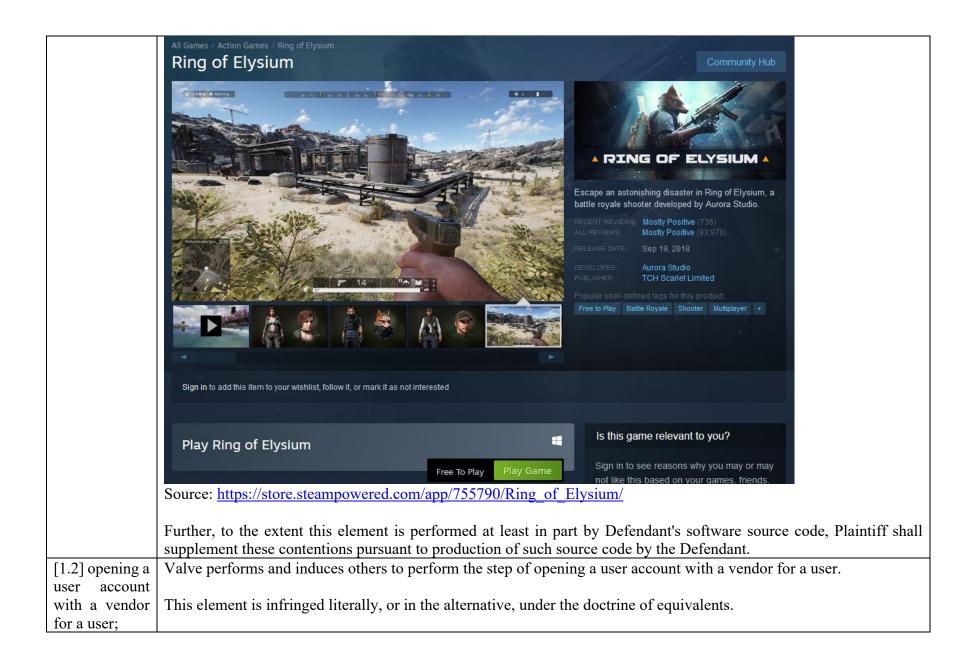
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For example, Steam ("vendor") allows users to play games (including but not limited to Ring of Elysium) by creating an account. Install Steam | login | language ▼ STEAM STORE COMMUNITY ABOUT SUPPORT CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT **Email Address** Confirm your Address Country of Residence **United States** I'm not a robot I am 13 years of age or older and agree to the terms of the Steam Subscriber Agreement and the Valve Privacy Policy. Source: https://store.steampowered.com/join/

How do I create a Steam account?

Using the Steam client:

- Create a new Steam account by downloading and installing the Steam application (please follow the link below to download the application): http://store.steampowered.com/about/
- 2. Click the "Create a New Account..." button from the Steam login page and follow the prompts

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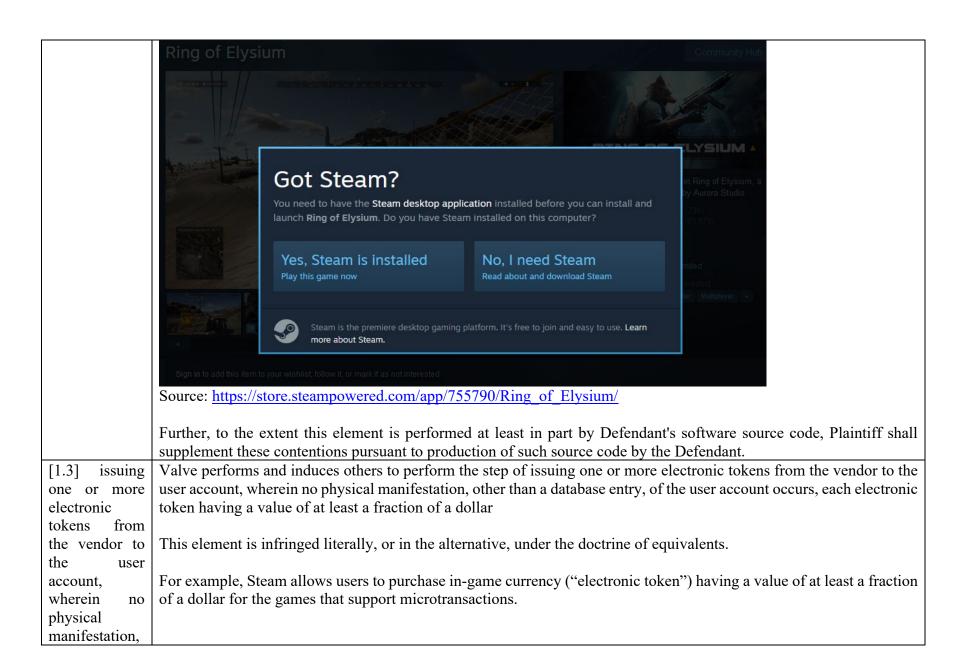
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How do I download games from Steam?

Once you have installed the **Steam application**, you will need to login to the Steam account you have added (or will add) your game to. Your game is tied to this Steam account and cannot be re-registered to a different account.

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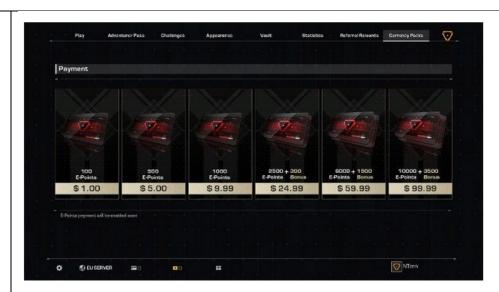
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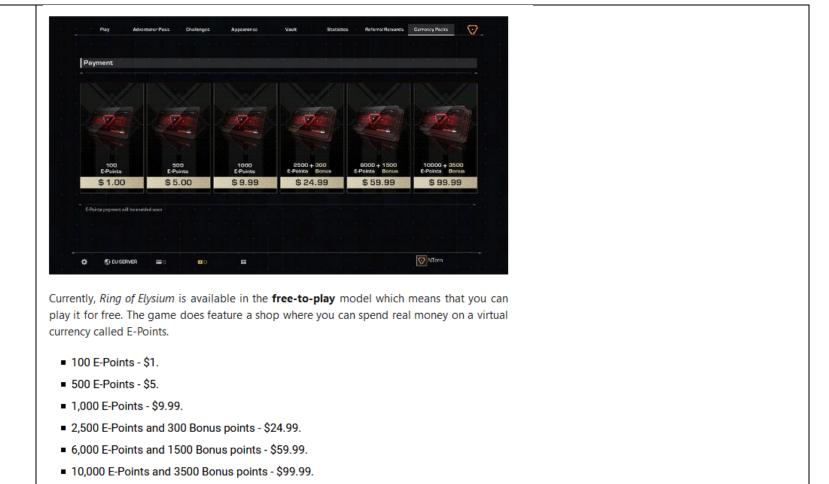
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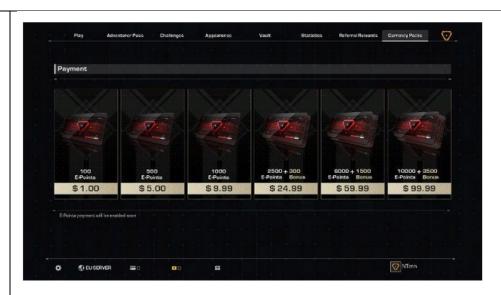
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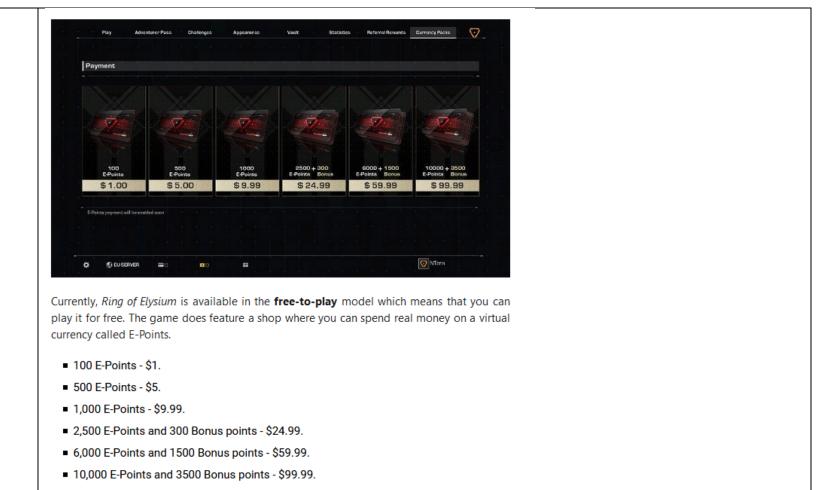
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With this system, the purchase is completely under your control. A successful response to a purchase request will result in the user reliably getting charged and you getting positive and immediate notification of the event. Once a purchase is approved, it's up to you to grant and manage the items. If an item is time based for example, your system dictates how long that item is good for.

In addition to in-game purchasing, the system will provide additional functionality that your accounting and support systems can use:

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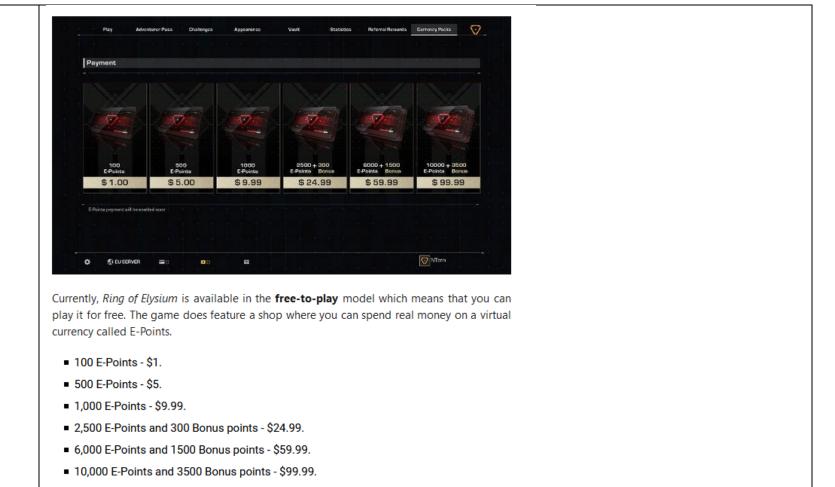
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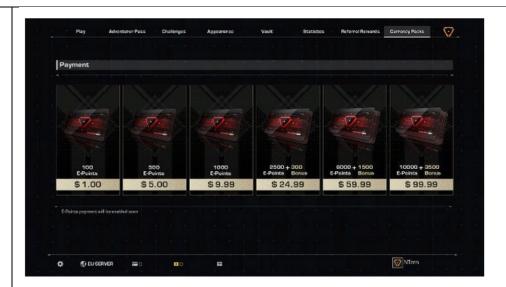
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- 100 E-Points \$1.
- 500 E-Points \$5.
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